

“MIKE,” 6 FT. 9, AGE 17, GETS JOB AT LAST, MAKING AUTO PARTS

Examining Doctor Pronounces Him “O. K.” Then Drags Him to Clinic to Show Off

HE NEVER FOUGHT MUCH

Somehow Fellows Didn't Care Much About Scrapping With Him—He Is Bashful

A photograph illustrating this story may be found on the Pictorial Page.

Michael Stieglar, a young giant, who has been hunting a job for several years, but who was “too young for a man's job and too big for a boy's job,” started to work today. He is 6 feet 9 inches long, makes the scales say “238” when he pulls himself on them and is 17 summers old.

When “Mike” started articles to help make steel automobile bodies for the Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Company, at 25th street and Hunting Park avenue, today, college football coaches all over the country gnashed their teeth with disappointment. And when he stood beside Jack Miller, a gas-welder, the smallest man in the shop, everybody laughed. Miller is 4 feet 11 inches tall.

“Mike,” who lives at 2129 Dakota street, although he wouldn't say so himself and made the reporter look it up in a directory, went through a physical examination conducted by Dr. E. H. McVey, the company physician, before he was allowed to consent to help the company make auto parts. In the course of the examination it was learned that he wears a No. 13 shoe, made to order for wearing qualities.

“He is O. K.,” was the physician's comment, after “Mike” told him he could lift a 300-pound barrel of sugar off a wagon without having an evulsion. “His proportions are very good. His stentum is caused by enlarged pituitary glands, attached to the infundibulum.”

Having stunned “Mike” with these words, Doctor McVey took him to the Benmaritan Hospital for exhibition at a clinic.

“I don't know what all this is about,” said “Mike” modestly and shyly. “I'm too heavy for light work and too light for heavy work, that's all. No, I don't know if I've stopped growing. The most I ever grew was four years ago, when I grew 18 inches in one year.”

Asked if he could “lick” Jess Willard, the youthful Hercules blushed. “I don't know,” he said. “I never had any fights. The boys at school didn't seem to want to fight with me. And when I was sent to the principal's room for breaking down desks and seats I wouldn't go. But he never licked me.”

The youth's parents, Joseph A. and Catherine Stieglar, are of normal size. His sister, Helen, 19 years old, and his brother, Joseph A., Jr., 21 years old, are more than 6 feet tall. His grandfathers, whose name he couldn't remember because he died 19 years ago—“before I was born”—was 7 feet 6 inches tall, he said, solemnly.

“And I don't tell lies, either,” he asserted. “It don't pay you.”

BAIZLEY IRON WORKS DAMAGED BY FIRE

Machine Patterns Valued at Thousands of Dollars Burned

Machine patterns valued at \$500 were destroyed today when fire swept through part of the plant of the John Baizley Iron Works, 512-29 South Water street. The blaze started in an infrequently used storeroom on the southeast corner of the third floor and was burning up wooden patterns by the hundreds as two workmen, busy in the street outside, saw smoke curling up from the roof and warned the company office on Delaware avenue that the Water street building was ablaze.

Slippery streets and the steep hill leading to Delaware avenue, crowded with sightseers, checked the fire apparatus as it hurried down South street. Many minutes passed before the hose could be got into position and water be shot through the blazing windows. Common Councilman John Baizley, former owner of the business, denounced the delay as the apparatus was being made ready, but later, when the firemen had the situation under control, reconsidered and guessed he had “been a little hot-tempered.”

Water and chemicals soon subdued the blaze on the third floor, where it raged strongest, and the chief wind whistling for cylinders and engine equipment were tossed into the street. The loss of the patterns was not covered by insurance.

Masked Marvel vs. Stecher  
NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—In a fierce bout, catch-as-catch-can, but fair, out of three, Joe Stecher, the Nebraska farmer boy, will have his New York debut when he meets Max Henderson, the “masked marvel,” here tonight. Stecher uses a double scissor hold, but backers of the marvel are offering odds on him.

DIVORCES GRANTED

By Court No. 4:  
Eleanor Neithardt from Harry A. Neithardt.  
Elizabeth P. Martin from John C. Martin.  
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By Court No. 3:  
Mary Booker from Frank Booker.  
Alice Louise Carter from Alexander Capra.  
Elizabeth M. Bradley from James Bradley.  
Adeline J. Cardon from Walter C. Cardon.  
Eula M. Heath from Harry M. Heath.  
Lena M. Helms from Mary H. Helms.  
Elizabeth Helms from Mary H. Helms.  
Ellie Alken from William Alken, Jr.  
Mary E. Scott from Richard Scott.  
Camille Strommer Brady from Eugene Hart Brady.  
Sarah Lotka from Robert Lotka.  
Elizabeth A. Simon from August C. Simon.  
George E. Cullen from Harry Cullen.  
Helen Weiss from Karl Weiss.  
Maud P. Harding from Harry Harding.  
Anna M. Haller from Albert A. Haller.  
Pauline Haberman from Frank Haberman.

TO BE “SALESLADIES” AT LECTURE



MRS. CLARENCE GULBRANDSON

“SPIRIT OF MODERN ITALY” TO BE DISCUSSED BY EXPERT

Signor De Santo to Lecture for Queen Helma's Red Cross Fund

Italian traditions, ideals and aspirations will be discussed by Signor Vincenzo de Santo, teacher of commerce languages and literature at the University of Pennsylvania, tomorrow night at Witherspoon Hall in a lecture entitled “The Spirit of Modern Italy.” The affair will be held under the patronage of prominent Philadelphians, and the proceeds will be given to Queen Helma's Red Cross Fund.

Homesteaders will be held at the lecture by Mrs. Clarence Gulbrandson, residing at the Normandie Hotel, 5th and Chestnut streets, the wife of Lieutenant Clarence Gulbrandson, attached to the battleship Connecticut. Another young society woman who will sell homesteaders is Miss Katharine Margaret Penrose, a niece of United States Senator Penrose.

Signor de Santo was born near Rome. He has made a study of Italian literature and history and is prominent as a lecturer. Tickets may be secured at Hopewell, Gimble's, Hyman's, or from Mrs. H. A. Penrose, who resides at the Normandie Hotel.

The patrons and patronesses are Gaetano E. Pennell, Italian Consul in Philadelphia; Gaetano di Minerva, Italian Vice Consul in Philadelphia; C. G. A. Bahl, Mrs. William L. Bull, Mrs. Edgar Cope, Mrs. J. P. Wickersham Crawford, Mrs. Louis A. Lehman, Mrs. C. Russell Blumher, Mrs. Younger D. Lee, Mrs. William Ellis Lullens, Mrs. Edward A. Newton, Mrs. H. Abbey Penrose, Mrs. Edward F. Pomeroy, Signora Frank Romm and Mrs. Felix E. Schelling.

LABOR PLANS TO PAY HATTERS' \$250,000 FINE

Trades Unions to Raise Huge Sum—Philadelphia's Share \$50,000

This is “Hatters Day.” One hundred thousand men and women all over the country are expected to “shell out” one dollar a day to the American Federation of Labor to help pay the \$250,000 fine recently imposed on the union by the United States Supreme Court. Fully \$50,000 will be raised in Philadelphia alone, according to a statement made at the Central Labor Union, at 252 North Ninth street, today. Fifteen delegates are visiting the various locals today to raise up the fund. The order for raising the fine, for which the Hatters' Union was responsible, was made originally by Samuel Gompers, president of the A. F. of L. Many of the men are expected to disobey the order, but no trouble is anticipated in raising the full amount. It is expected that the contributions of this city will exceed those of any other, due to the organization of the leaders here.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Thomas Deo, 2620 Cherry st. and Beatrice O'Connell, 2620 Cherry st.  
Frank S. B. 2210 W. 21st st. and Amelia S. K. 3175 Almond st.  
Robert R. 1212 1/2 Locust st. and Maudie D. Williams, 1212 1/2 Locust st.  
Lawrence J. 2210 W. 21st st. and Marie Travis, 511 S. Canoe st. and Katie Herring, 2210 W. 21st st.  
Joseph H. Adams, Huntington Valley, Pa. and Mary S. 2210 W. 21st st.  
Max Cohen, 1428 S. 8th st. and Elsie Spitz, 241 W. 21st st.  
John S. 1014 Alter st. and Pauline Weeks, 241 W. 21st st.  
Francis J. 212 W. Center st. and Anna Lee, 212 W. Center st.  
Richard J. 212 W. Center st. and Gertrude M. DeLoe, 409 Hamilton st.  
Charles J. 409 Hamilton st. and Leah M. Decker, 122 E. Ontario st.  
Morse H. 409 Hamilton st. and Maudie Greenberg, 1229 N. Franklin st.  
Joseph H. 409 Hamilton st. and Leah M. Decker, 1229 N. Franklin st.  
William N. 409 Hamilton st. and George H. 1510 Montross st. and Matilda Y. 409 Hamilton st.  
Walter J. du Ron, 594 Walnut st. and Florence J. 1711 Tenth st. and Joe A. Newton, 1711 Tenth st. and Joe A. Newton, 1711 Tenth st.  
Francis J. 212 W. Center st. and Frances E. 212 W. Center st.  
John Krawitz, 714 McKean st. and William H. 2220 Callahan st. and Clara A. Hager, 210 E. 26th st.  
Stanley J. 2220 Callahan st. and Joseph Pokras, 428 Almond st. and Mary-anna Chupkowski, 428 Almond st.



MRS. KATHERINE M. PENROSE

Funeral of Mrs. Bridget B. Hayes

Mrs. Bridget B. Hayes, who died yesterday at her home, 132 North 29th street, will be buried in the Holy Cross Cemetery on Saturday. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10 o'clock in the church of the Precious Blood, Mrs. Hayes was 77 years old. She was the widow of Thomas Hayes and a sister of the late Martin Burke, well-known Philadelphia merchant. She is survived by five children.

JANUARY SALE OF PIANOS

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ORPHAN CHILDREN AT WINTER CIRCUS

Thousands Will Be Among Audience at Shriners' Show in Convention Hall

Photographs illustrating this story will be found on the Pictorial Page.

Several thousand orphan and crippled children from the various institutions in the city will witness the initial performance of the big Winter Circus, to be given in Convention Hall next week under the auspices of the Lu Lu Temple, Shrine of the Mystic Shrine. The children who will help make the audience on Monday afternoon will be the guests of W. Freshland Kendrick, Receiver of Taxes and postulant of the Lu Lu order.

Convention Hall is now being fitted out to stage the unique performance, which will be Philadelphia's first genuine indoor circus. Frank P. Spellman, of New York, who won fame as the producer of the Winter Circus in the New York Hippodrome, has assembled all the biggest circus acts in the country for the production next week. The official circus train will arrive at North Philadelphia station on Sunday morning.

George Hartzell, millionaire clown, who

has a nation-wide reputation as an impersonator and who has earned particular fame as “Bill Bryan,” will add zest to the circus. Although a Philadelphian, he has appeared at Shriners' smokers all over the country during the last 35 years. It is rumored that he will surprise in the burlesque of a very prominent Philadelphian.

DOCTORS FORM AUTO CLUB

Physicians Apply for Charter—Aim to Aid Colleagues and Work for Better Roads

Application for a charter was made to Common Pleas Court No. 1 today by the Physicians' Motor Club of Philadelphia, the purpose of the organization being to promote social enjoyment among its members, “to discuss scientifically the automobile, and to promote the advancement of practical knowledge in the operation and use of motorcars by doctors.”

The club also purposes to cooperate with others interested in the project to obtain satisfactory legislation compelling the construction of good roads in the country and highways in the city.

P. R. R. DECLINES SECOND REPLY TO JERSEYITES

Questions Asked by Commuters' Association Now Before Utilities Commission

The South Jersey Commuters' Association will not receive a reply from President Rea of the Pennsylvania Railroad to the Association's second letter pointing out the service and their relations to the railroad, the railroad Publicity Bureau has announced. The South Jersey commuters began the episode in answer to the railroad's request, posted in stations, for letters from its patrons expressing opinions of the service.

In their second letter, a reply to the explanations by President Rea, the commuters contend that he has ignored the more serious causes of grievance, and that he discussed only those of a minor character. One of the difficulties he did not explain, they say, is why the railroad charges for the distance of a mile from

the Market street to the Camden ferry terminal when the distance is little more than half a mile. They ask again why passengers to and from Camden from stations in South Jersey are charged for tickets on the ferry when they do not use the service; why the railroad will not sell 100-trip tickets from Camden to South Jersey stations when that class of ticket is sold in Pennsylvania and from Pennsylvania for transportation into New Jersey; why transportation in South Jersey is cheaper than in North Jersey, and a number of other things.

NEW LINERS MAY COME HERE

Hungarians to Organize Steamship Line to Handle Immigrant Trade

Shipping men in this city are interested in the report that a new transatlantic steamship line to handle mainly the immigrant traffic to this country is under serious consideration at conferences of German and Hungarian steamship agents in Vienna and Budapest, according to a dispatch received here today from Zurich by way of London.

The new line will be capitalized at \$1,000,000 and will be under the control of Hungarian interests. One-half of the capital will be subscribed by the Adriatic-German Navigation Company, well known here. The vessels, which will be built in Hungary, will fly the Hungarian flag and be manned by men of that country. While the ships are being built, it is said, the German steamship lines will use their vessels.



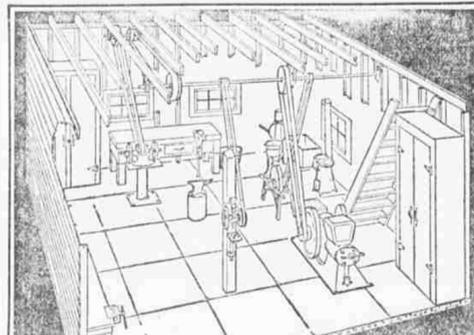
1 This is the binder Jones broke.



2 This is the blacksmith who said “tomorrow” he'd fix the binder Jones broke.



3 This is the farmer who offered his shop when he heard the blacksmith say “tomorrow” he'd fix the binder Jones broke.



4 And this is the shop that Jones set up when he saw how quickly the work was done in the shop of the farmer who offered help when the blacksmith wanted until next day to fix the binder Jones broke.

Jones now saves time and money by repairing all his farm equipment, and even his wife's cooking utensils, in his own shop.

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